

Minutes of meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 in the Breamish Hall Powburn commencing 730pm

Those Present: Cllr R Burn (Chairman), Cllr J Brown, Cllr C Robinson, Cllr N Birnie, Cllr M Wilson, Cllr M Clark, County Cllr K Cairns, two members of the public

1/16 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Barton, Cllr I Smith, Cllr D Smailes

2/16 Opportunity for members of the public to raise any matter on the agenda

- Residents interested in pub situation, to be discussed further in the meeting.

3/16 Declarations of Interest: *Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other personal interests they may have in any of the items of business on the agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct.*

4/16 Police update

No police presence.

5/16 County Cllr update

- K Cairns keen to finance £2,000 towards Breamish Hall project, and hoping to contribute to purchase of new dishwasher and floor insulation.
- Gulley sucker had cleared drains on A697 in January 2016, however it was reported three are still blocked. Suggestion of installing gabion stone discussed, however it is not only debris but the way the hill lies on top of the road causing problems, French drain could be a solution. Query whether consultant had looked at this issue, further to A697 report created, K Cairns to speak to relevant personnel.
- Warm Up North had received 6.5million government grant in the North East to install free central heating to a number of homes, without or having only partial central heating.
- K Cairns had investigated the issue of a schoolgirl being left by bus to await taxi in Eglington, however NCC had no record of this person. However, the problem was in Powburn, K Cairns to reinvestigate, further to name of child being confirmed.
- NCC had confirmed repairs to damaged road signs on A697, however not actioned, K Cairns to follow up.

6/16 Minutes of previous meeting held 7th December 2015

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

7/16 Matters Arising from previous meeting

- Wi-fi now installed in Breamish Hall.
- NCC had acknowledged environmental problems with abandoned property in Powburn, action had since been carried out to loose roof tiles.
- NCC had acknowledged street lighting repairs, two lamps had been installed on one pole, however not yet connected to main supply. Clerk to recontact NCC.
- £2299.16 had been utilised out of the £2300 funding received from Sport England for table tennis project.
- Cllr R Burn had contacted J Carr Ellison regarding boarding up of pub, however building in the hand of Punch Taverns until lease handed back May 2016, however premises may be passed over before this date, with major works required to the building, and Punch Taverns having to finance some reinstatement works.
- Northumbrian Water had attended site near to electricity transformer pole in Powburn to carry out works, which were not yet completed.

8/16 Neighbourhood Management

- **Seat in memory of J Taylor:** Seat purchase to be organised later in the year.
- **Seat repair:** Work to be carried out when weather not so inclement.

9/16 Planning

9/16/01 Planning Applications received

None received .

9/16/02 Planning Application approval received

None received.

10/16 Finance

10/16/01 The following accounts were authorised:

- Barton Ecogen - £126 had been paid for reinstallation of defibrillator
- Clerks's quarterly salary & expenses – £292.91
- HMRC – PAYE on above – 20p
- Breamish Hall – Rent May 2015 February 2016 - £30.00
- Request for donation to Santa suit – Cllr M Wilson declared an interest - £35 authorised

Request for donation had been received for the following:

- Hospicecare North Northumberland – Cllr R Burn proposed £100, Cllr J Brown seconded, all in favour
- Northumberland Community Voluntary Action – an alternative to funding would be for community groups to buy in services from the organisation, therefore no donation given.

11/16 Correspondence

- NCC – LED Street Lighting Project – confirmation of modernisation across Northumberland, with PC able to influence how programmed implemented, any specific requirements can be emailed, with matter to be discussed further at six monthly NCC meeting late May.
- Alnwick District WW1 Centenary Commemoration Group – DVD available to view.
- J Guthrie – notice of account books belonging to G Lillie, Blacksmiths in Powburn in late 1800's – being archived at Woodhorn.
- Email received from D Wilkinson – requesting grit bin in lane of Cheviot View, request had also been received for bin at Broome Farm, clerk to recontact NCC.
- NCC – winter services.

12/16 Parish Plan

Following flooding, Northumbrian Water confirmed their responsibilities with site meeting being held, and concern over age of drains. NW did agree to sanitise area by children's play area; carry out CCTV investigation to establish flooding/sewage problems, and if required carry out a hydraulic survey and would liaise with NCC. 18 volunteers had come forward to aid in village emergencies, with information passed to village web-site administrator, and 3 contacts to be published, being R Burn, M Wilson and D Smiles. Concerns with Health & Safety, with PC since purchasing high-viz vests. Improvements had been made to A697 past Thrunton Brickworks with new drains installed, and which would be ideal for Powburn. Sleeping policeman/incline suggested, rather than sandbagging, but this may cause danger to vehicles, however if new drains installed this would help problems. It was agreed to wait until Northumbrian Water had provided their report. Cllr J Brown wished it minuted that because of build up of gravel at West side of Breamish, water table on flood plain in Powburn is building up. Cllr R Burn had compiled report for Northumbrian Water outlining what had happened on the two nights of flooding, ie, digging ditches, sandbagging, slowing vehicles down. Additional cones had been secured, and Cllr R Burn would visit NCC depot in person to ask about viability of acquiring flood signs. Flooding to be added to next agenda.

13/16 Play area repair

Ongoing.

14/16 Defibrillator

Defibrillator had been moved from pub to Breamish Hall. P Lake had been looking after defibrillator, however it was agreed at last PC meeting the Stephen Carey fund were to take over responsibility of the appliance. Laminated sign indicating site of defibrillator would be useful for display at garage, and other areas. Clerk to confirm with SC Fund of their exact responsibilities, and if they provide signage. Village Hall Committee had requested PC pay cost of electricity, approximately £15 - £20 per year, agreed.

15/16 Annual Review of Risk Assessment

- Copy of Risk Assessment circulated to all. Issue of volunteers carrying out flooding assistance discussed, however it was agreed this not a part of the Parish Council but a voluntary group. Document agreed as sufficient for the present needs of Hedgeley Parish Council.

16/16 Urgent Business

- D Francis, NALC, had given presentation at Village Hall Consortium, with item on PC's being able to reclaim VAT. Clerk to obtain further details.
- Speeding an ongoing concern, with vehicle noted passing HGV near to garage. Cllr R Burn to hopefully be trained on utilising hand held speed cameras provided by Northumbria Police

17/16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Hedgeley Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2016 commencing 730pm in the Breamish Hall Powburn

The meeting finished at 9pm.